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To establish a grant program for States to support individuals participating  
in semiconductor-related workforce programs, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Ms. BYNUM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “CHIPS Child Care  
5       Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7       (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—From the amount appro-  
2           priated under subsection (i)(1) that is not reserved  
3           under subsection (i)(2), the Secretary of Labor shall  
4           award grants, on a competitive basis, to States to—

5                 (A) provide monthly stipends to eligible  
6           child care providers on behalf of individuals to  
7           assist the individuals in covering the costs of  
8           child care—

9                         (i) while participating in semicon-  
10           ductor-related workforce programs;

11                        (ii) in the case of an individual who is  
12           participating in, or has completed within  
13           the preceding 5-year period, an apprentice-  
14           ship program, while engaging in a con-  
15           struction project related to semiconductor  
16           manufacturing; or

17                        (iii) while participating in pre-appren-  
18           ticeship programs with a demonstrated his-  
19           tory of successfully placing individuals in  
20           jobs or apprenticeships connected to con-  
21           struction projects related to semiconductor  
22           manufacturing; or

23                 (B) assist eligible child care providers in  
24           regions receiving significant private and public  
25           investment related to semiconductor manufac-

1           turing to acquire, construct, renovate, or im-  
2           prove child care facilities, including to adapt,  
3           reconfigure, or expand such facilities.

4           (2) GRANT PERIODS.—A grant awarded under  
5           this section shall be awarded—

6                   (A) for a period of two years; and

7                   (B) in equal amounts for each year of such  
8           period.

9           (3) GRANT PRIORITY.—In awarding grants  
10          under this section, the Secretary shall ensure that  
11          States that are awarded the grants—

12                   (A) are geographically diverse; and

13                   (B) are receiving significant private and  
14          public investment related to semiconductor  
15          manufacturing.

16          (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant under  
17          this Act, a State shall submit to the Secretary an applica-  
18          tion, in such form, at such time, and containing such in-  
19          formation as the Secretary may require, which shall in-  
20          clude the following:

21                   (1) If the State intends to provide monthly sti-  
22          pends as described in subsection (a)(1)(A)—

23                           (A) information regarding how the State  
24          intends to distribute monthly stipends in ac-  
25          cordance with subsection (c); and

1 (B) in the case of any individual who is se-  
2 lected to benefit from a stipend under sub-  
3 section (c) and participating in a semicon-  
4 ductor-related workforce program that will end  
5 after the end of the grant period, any plan the  
6 State may have to provide child care support  
7 for such an individual for the period of such  
8 program during which the individual will not be  
9 benefitting from such stipends.

10 (2) A plan to use a portion of the grant funds  
11 to report back to the Secretary on the impact of  
12 using the grant funds to assist eligible child care  
13 providers as described in subsection (a)(1)(B).

14 (c) USES OF FUNDS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—A State that receives a  
16 grant under this Act shall—

17 (A) give priority in accordance with the re-  
18 quirements of paragraph (3); and

19 (B) if the State uses such grants to pro-  
20 vide monthly stipends as described in paragraph  
21 (A) of subsection (a)(1)—

22 (i) select individuals to benefit from a  
23 monthly stipend who—

24 (I) have one or more dependent  
25 children; and

1 (II) meet the requirements of  
2 clause (i) or (ii) of such paragraph;  
3 and

4 (ii) distribute such stipends to eligible  
5 child care providers directly on behalf of  
6 the individuals described under clause (i).

7 (2) MONTHLY STIPEND AMOUNTS.—A monthly  
8 stipend described in paragraph (1)(A) shall not be  
9 less than \$500 per dependent child.

10 (3) PRIORITY.—A State shall prioritize—

11 (A) in selecting individuals to benefit from  
12 a monthly stipend as described in subsection

13 (a)(1)(A)—

14 (i) first generation college students;

15 (ii) graduates of historically Black col-  
16 leges and universities;

17 (iii) residents of rural communities;

18 and

19 (iv) veterans; and

20 (B) in selecting eligible child care providers  
21 to assist as described in subsection (a)(1)(B)—

22 (i) eligible child care providers pri-  
23 marily serving low-income populations;

24 (ii) eligible child care providers pri-  
25 marily serving children who have not at-

1           tained the age of 5 years with a significant  
2           percentage of infants and toddlers enrolled;

3           (iii) eligible child care providers  
4           that—

5                   (I) are currently unable to serve  
6           young children, had to significantly  
7           reduce capacity, or are unable to serve  
8           more children, due to factors such as  
9           the inadequate condition, quality, or  
10          availability of facilities; or

11                   (II) are seeking to build capacity  
12          and expand the number of children  
13          served;

14          (iv) eligible child care providers that  
15          operate under nontraditional hours; and

16                   (v) eligible child care providers located  
17          in rural or underserved communities.

18          (4)   LABOR   STANDARDS   FOR   CERTAIN  
19   GRANTS.—

20                   (A) All laborers and mechanics employed  
21          by contractors or subcontractors in the per-  
22          formance of construction, renovation, improve-  
23          ment, repair, alteration, adaptation, reconfig-  
24          uration, or expansion of child care facilities  
25          funded in whole or in part under this section

1 shall be paid wages at rates not less than those  
2 prevailing on projects of a character similar in  
3 the locality as determined by the Secretary of  
4 Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of  
5 chapter 31 of part A of subtitle II of title 40,  
6 United States Code (commonly referred to as  
7 the “Davis-Bacon Act”).

8 (B) The Secretary shall require that each  
9 entity, including grantees and subgrantees, that  
10 applies for a grant for constructing, renovating,  
11 or improving child care facilities, including  
12 adapting, reconfiguring, or expanding such fa-  
13 cilities, which is funded in whole or in part  
14 under this section, shall include in its applica-  
15 tion written assurance that all laborers and me-  
16 chanics employed by contractors or subcontract-  
17 tors in the performance of construction, alter-  
18 nation or repair, as part of such project, shall  
19 be paid wages in accordance with paragraph  
20 (1). The Secretary shall not approve any such  
21 funding without first obtaining adequate assur-  
22 ance that required labor standards will be main-  
23 tained with respect to any such construction  
24 work.

1 (C) The Secretary of Labor shall have,  
2 with respect to the labor standards specified in  
3 paragraph (1), the authority and functions set  
4 forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of  
5 1950 (15 Fed. Reg. 3176; 5 U.S.C. App.) and  
6 section 276c of title 40, United States Code.

7 (d) REPORTS BY STATES.—

8 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
9 after the end of the grant period of the grant award-  
10 ed to a State under this Act, the State shall submit  
11 to the Secretary a report that includes information  
12 on, as applicable—

13 (A) if the State uses such grants to pro-  
14 vide monthly stipends as described in subsection  
15 (a)(1)(A)—

16 (i) the individuals that benefitted  
17 from monthly stipends, including with re-  
18 spect to each such individual—

19 (I) the total number of months  
20 such stipends were provided to an eli-  
21 gible child care provider on behalf of  
22 the individual;

23 (II) the total amount provided by  
24 such stipends; and

1 (III) in the case of an individual  
2 enrolled in a semiconductor-related  
3 workforce program, the wage rate,  
4 benefits, stipends, or other compensa-  
5 tion provided to such individual—

6 (aa) while enrolled in such  
7 program; and

8 (bb) after exiting the pro-  
9 gram and beginning work in the  
10 industry of such program;

11 (ii) for each semiconductor-related  
12 workforce program for which the State  
13 provided stipends to eligible child care pro-  
14 viders on behalf of such individuals—

15 (I) the retention and completion  
16 rates for the individuals described in  
17 clause (i); and

18 (II) the retention and completion  
19 rates for the individuals not described  
20 in clause (i); and

21 (iii) the method the State used to dis-  
22 tribute the stipends to eligible child care  
23 providers;

24 (B) if the State used such grants to assist  
25 eligible child care providers as described in sub-

1 section (a)(1)(B), the effects of the grant in as-  
2 sisting eligible child care providers to construct,  
3 renovate, or improve child care facilities, and  
4 any effects on access to and quality of child  
5 care; and

6 (C) such other information as the Sec-  
7 retary may require.

8 (2) FOLLOW-UP REPORTS.—For each of the 3  
9 years after the date that a State submits the report  
10 under paragraph (1), the State shall submit to the  
11 Secretary a report on the retention and completion  
12 rates described in subparagraph (A)(ii) of such para-  
13 graph for the preceding year.

14 (3) DISAGGREGATION.—The information sub-  
15 mitted under paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be  
16 disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender, except  
17 that such disaggregation shall not be required in the  
18 case in which the number of apprentices in a sub-  
19 group is insufficient to yield statistically reliable in-  
20 formation or the results would reveal personally  
21 identifiable information about an apprentice.

22 (e) REPORT BY THE SECRETARY.—

23 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
24 after the Secretary receives the last report under

1 subsection (d), the Secretary shall submit to Con-  
2 gress a report that summarizes—

3 (A) the effect monthly stipends described  
4 in subsection (a)(1)(A) had—

5 (i) on the semiconductor-related work-  
6 force program retention and completion  
7 rates of individuals who received monthly  
8 stipends; and

9 (ii) the wage rates and benefits re-  
10 ceived by such individuals after exiting a  
11 semiconductor-related workforce program;

12 (B) the methods the States used to dis-  
13 tribute such monthly stipends to eligible child  
14 care providers;

15 (C) any unanticipated effect or con-  
16 sequence on—

17 (i) individuals receiving the monthly  
18 stipend;

19 (ii) the sponsors of the semiconductor-  
20 related workforce programs; and

21 (iii) the local areas in which the indi-  
22 viduals who received a monthly stipend  
23 participated in such programs; and

1 (D) the effect of assistance provided to eli-  
2 gible child care providers as described in sub-  
3 section (a)(1)(B).

4 (2) FOLLOW-UP REPORTS.—For each of the 3  
5 years after the date that the Secretary submits the  
6 report under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall sub-  
7 mit to Congress a report that summarizes the infor-  
8 mation in the reports received from the States under  
9 subsection (d)(2) for the preceding year.

10 (3) DISAGGREGATION.—The information sub-  
11 mitted under paragraph (1)(A) shall be  
12 disaggregated in accordance with the disaggregation  
13 requirements of subsection (d)(2).

14 (f) STIPEND AMOUNTS EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL  
15 TAXATION.—Stipend amounts awarded under this Act  
16 may not be included in the gross income of the individual  
17 who benefitted from such stipend for purposes of the In-  
18 ternal Revenue Code of 1986.

19 (g) DISREGARD STIPEND AMOUNTS IN OTHER FED-  
20 ERAL PROGRAMS.—Notwithstanding any other provision  
21 of law, a stipend distributed to an eligible child care pro-  
22 vider under this Act shall not be taken into account in  
23 determining the need or eligibility of the individual who  
24 benefitted from such stipend for benefits or assistance, or  
25 the amount of such benefits or assistance, under any Fed-

1 eral, State, or local program financed in whole or in part  
2 with Federal funds.

3 (h) SUPPLEMENT AND NOT SUPPLANT.—Any  
4 monthly stipend distributed to an eligible child care pro-  
5 vider on behalf of an individual under this Act shall sup-  
6 plement and not supplant the wages such individual earns  
7 while participating in a semiconductor-related workforce  
8 program.

9 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
11 appropriated to carry out this Act \$10,000,000 for  
12 each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

13 (2) RESERVATION.—The Secretary shall reserve  
14 1.5 percent of the funds appropriated under para-  
15 graph (1) for each fiscal year to carry out the study  
16 and report required by subsection (e).

17 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

18 (1) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The term  
19 “apprenticeship program” means an apprenticeship  
20 program registered under the Act of August 16,  
21 1937 (commonly known as the “National Appren-  
22 ticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C.  
23 50 et seq.), including any requirement, standard, or  
24 rule promulgated under such Act.

1           (2) ELIGIBLE CHILD CARE PROVIDER.—The  
2       term “eligible child care provider” has the meaning  
3       given the term in section 658P of the Child Care  
4       and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42  
5       U.S.C. 9858n).

6           (3) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNI-  
7       VERSITY.—The term “historically Black college and  
8       university” has the meaning given such term in sec-  
9       tion 631(a)(5) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
10      (20 U.S.C. 1132(a)(5)).

11          (4) SEMICONDUCTOR.—The term “semicon-  
12      ductor” has the meaning given such term in section  
13      9901 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National  
14      Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15  
15      U.S.C. 4651).

16          (5) SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING.—The  
17      term “semiconductor manufacturing” has the mean-  
18      ing given such term in section 9902 of the William  
19      M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-  
20      tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4652).

21          (6) SEMICONDUCTOR-RELATED WORKFORCE  
22      PROGRAM.—The term “semiconductor-related work-  
23      force program” means an apprenticeship, career  
24      upskilling, remote education, training, or workforce  
25      development program offered by an institute of high-

1       er education (as defined in section 102 of the High-  
2       er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), non-  
3       profit entity (as defined in section 9901 of the Wil-  
4       liam M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Author-  
5       ization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651),  
6       or local government in partnership with an entity  
7       that has received financial assistance through title  
8       XCIX of division H of such Act (15 U.S.C. 4651 et  
9       seq.) or a similar State program.

10       (7) STATE BOARD.—The term “State board”  
11       means a State workforce development board estab-  
12       lished under section 101 of the Worker Innovation  
13       and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101).

14       (8) WIOA TERMS.—The terms “local area” and  
15       “State” have the meaning given such terms in sec-  
16       tion 3 of the Worker Innovation and Opportunity  
17       Act (29 U.S.C. 3103).